

# NATIONAL MULTIETHNIC DONOR AWARENESS MONTH



*Michael Balsley-Rodriguez*

Michael was an energetic kid who loved dogs, video games, and pranks. He was an athlete and played youth football. Michael dreamt of becoming a professional player and coach for the Oregon Ducks. Unfortunately, Michael's sunset came too soon. He died in 2017 at the age of 13 years old and saved five individuals through the donation of his heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and pancreas. Michael's friend Eric received his liver and accepted Michael's middle school diploma in honor of his friend's gift.

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